

# LEON COUNTY WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE



**Garbage • Recycling • Yard Waste • Electronics • Bulk Collections**



**Leon County Solid Waste Management**  
**(850) 606-1800**

# Leon County's Solid Waste and Recycling Programs & Services

This guide is for unincorporated Leon County residents who reside outside Tallahassee City Limits. If you are a customer of City of Tallahassee Utilities, please contact the City of Tallahassee for information regarding their solid waste services.

## Contacts

### **Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility**

7550 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-1800

Hours: Mon-Sat, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste)

### **Leon County Recycling and Sustainability**

1907 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-5000

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling)  
[GrowingGreen.org](http://GrowingGreen.org)

### **Leon County Hazardous Waste Center**

7550 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-1803

Hours: Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW)

### **City of Tallahassee Solid Waste**

435 N. Macomb Street  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 891-4968

Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
[talgov.com/you/you-solidwaste](http://talgov.com/you/you-solidwaste)

### **Marpan Recycling**

6020 Woodville Highway  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 216-1006  
[Marpan.com](http://Marpan.com)

### **Waste Pro**

Solid Waste Collection Contractor  
264 Commerce Lane  
Midway, FL  
(850) 606-1899  
[WasteProUSA.com](http://WasteProUSA.com)





# Garbage Collection

## Curbside Collection

Leon County residents who reside outside Tallahassee City Limits may sign up for curbside garbage and recycling service via Waste Pro, the County's Solid Waste collection contractor.

### On Your Collection Day

Please place containers at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on your collection day. Collection times are between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Your collection day is based on your location within the County. Please contact Waste Pro (850) 606-1899 to determine your pick-up schedule.

### How Often is Pick-Up?

Garbage, recycling, and yard debris are picked up weekly. All pick-ups will occur on the same day.

### Proper Placement

Garbage and recycling carts should be placed at least three feet apart and away from objects such as mailboxes and light posts.

### How Do I Sign Up?

If you would like to sign up for curbside collection, or have questions or concerns regarding your curbside service, please contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899.



## Bulk Collection

### What Qualifies as a Bulk Item?

Bulk items include appliances, furniture, and other items that will not fit inside your garbage cart. Additional bags of waste are not considered bulk items.

### Call Waste Pro to arrange a bulk pick-up.

Waste Pro will schedule your pick-up and give instructions on what day to place items at the curb. Your request will be serviced within seven business days.

# Recycling

## Curbside Recycling

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Leon County has single-stream recycling, which means all recyclable items can go into the same container with no need to sort. Please place all recyclable plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal in the same bin and keep all items loose — do not bag recyclables.

### Get Another Cart

If you routinely run out of space in your recycling cart, you may want to consider a second cart. One can be delivered for a fee of \$30 or you can pick it up yourself for no fee. Contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to place your request.

### Plastic Bags and Styrofoam

Plastic bags and Styrofoam are not recyclable in Leon County bins. However, most large grocery stores will accept these items for recycling.

**What Can I Recycle?**

No need to separate your items, they can all go into the same container!

Yes please!	No thanks!
 Aluminum & Steel Cans	 Styrofoam
 Newspapers & Magazines	 Plastic Bags
 Office Paper	 Chip Bags
 Glass Bottles & Jars	 Medical Sharps
 Plastic Bottles, Cups & Jugs	 Juice & Milk Cartons
 Envelopes & Junk Mail <small>*Including the ones with clear windows!</small>	 Paper Towels & Napkins
 Cardboard	 Lightbulbs & Electronics <small>*note: recycle at Leon County Household Hazardous Waste!</small>

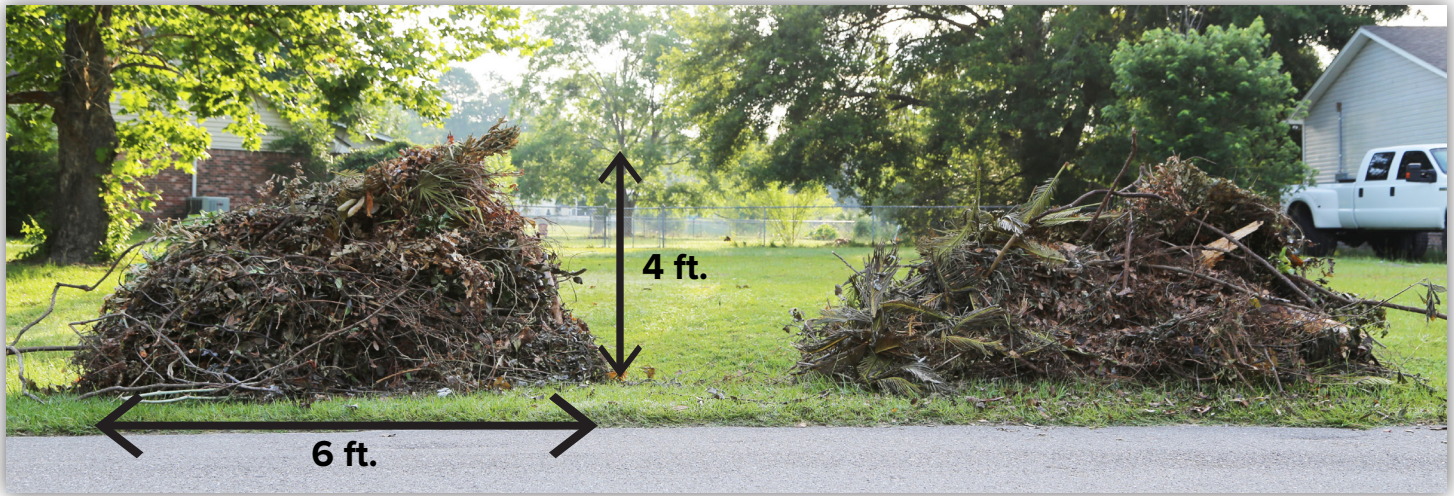
**Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship**  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling)

## Recycling Drop-Off Locations

- Renaissance Building (435 N. Macomb St.)
- St. John's Episcopal Bookstore (131 N. Calhoun St.)
- Miccosukee Rural Waste Service Center (13051 Miccosukee Rd.)
- South Lake Ella Drive, in main parking lot.
- Woodville Rural Waste Service Center (549 Henry Jones Rd.)
- Hilaman Golf Course (2737 Blair Stone Rd.)
- Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.)
- Ft. Braden Rural Waste Service Center (2485 E. Joe Thomas Rd.)
- Tallahassee Solid Waste Services Office (2727 Municipal Way)



# Yard Debris



Yard debris piles should be no larger than  
**6 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.**

Please be aware that yard debris not within 6 feet of your curb may not be collected. Individual pieces of yard debris should not exceed 6 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter.

Yard debris that does not meet these specifications may not be picked up.

Residents may request to have a large pile picked up for a fee. Please call Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to arrange.

## How Often is Pick-Up?

Yard debris piles will be picked up weekly on the same day as your general collection.

## Skip the Plastic Bag

Plastic bags are not recyclable in Leon County and are difficult to remove from yard debris. The best option is to put loose items of yard debris in a sturdy container or paper bag.



# Rural Waste Service Centers

There are four Rural Waste Service Centers in Leon County available to County residents who do not reside within Tallahassee City Limits.

## Locations

- **Solid Waste Management Facility**

7550 Apalachee Pkwy.  
Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 606-1800

- **Woodville**

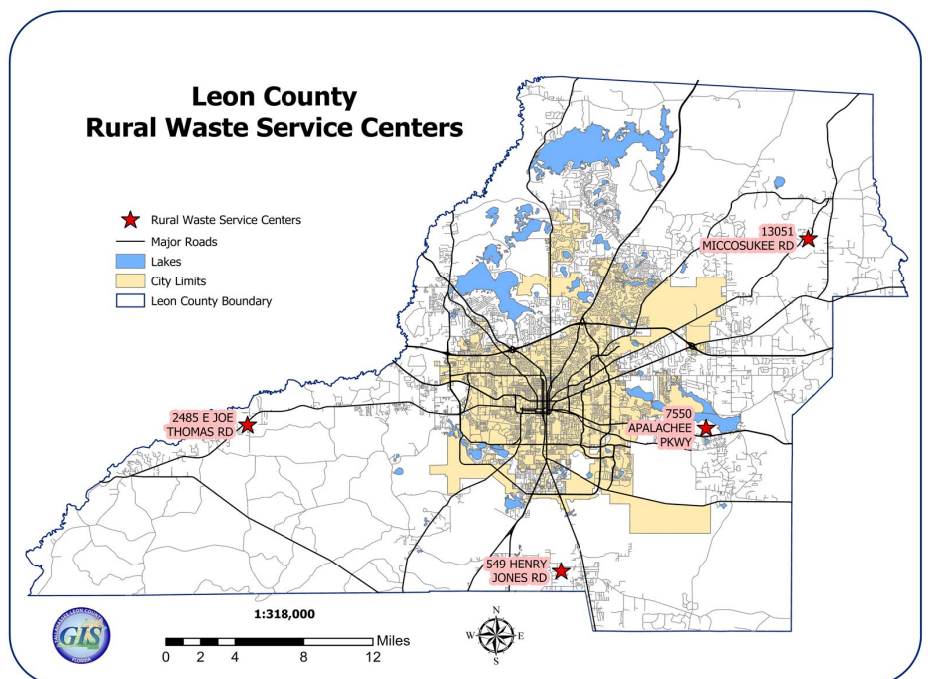
549 Henry Jones Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 488-9099

- **Fort Braden**

2485 East Joe Thomas Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 488-9119

- **Miccosukee**

13051 Miccosukee Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 922-0097



## What are Rural Waste Centers?

Rural Waste Centers are solid waste sites for residents to bring household waste, recycling, bulk items, yard waste, and limited household hazardous wastes. Non-hazardous waste is limited to the equivalent of one level pickup truck bed full per day. To learn more call Leon County Solid Waste Management at (850) 606-1800.

# Household Hazardous Waste

When thrown away, many household products can pose a health risk and pollute the environment. Both Leon County and City of Tallahassee residents may drop off household hazardous waste items for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Center (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.) or the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site (1800 N. Blirstone Rd).

## Items Accepted

We accept items that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic or contain electronic components. If you're not sure if something is hazardous, we encourage you to bring it anyway. If in doubt, bring it out!

### **Acceptable items include:**

- Electronics (Televisions, Computers, etc.)
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Paint, Oils
- Glue, Solvents
- Cleaner (Aerosols, Mildew Remover, etc.)
- Lawn and Garden Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel Fuel
- Propane Bottles and Tanks (less than 20 lbs.)
- Nail Polish & Remover
- Hair Dyes



## Business Hazardous Waste Collection

Leon County Solid Waste Management allows businesses that generate very small quantities of hazardous waste (less than 220 lbs. per month) to dispose of their hazardous waste at a lower cost than most commercial hazardous waste services. This can save businesses thousands of dollars in fees. Businesses will also receive documentation of proper disposal for their records. Businesses and other agencies must make an appointment to drop off their items by calling (850) 606-1803.



# Prescription and Medical Waste

Prescription medicines and medical sharps should not be thrown away as regular trash because they can contaminate the environment, injure citizens and workers, or even end up in the hands of the wrong people.

## How Citizens can Properly Dispose of Medical Sharps:

The Florida Department of Health in Leon County established a medical sharps disposal program in 2002. In order to participate, citizens must show proof of Leon County residency. Once approved, citizens will be given a free sharps container that must be returned once full. A new container will be given at no charge. You may pick up a free medical sharps container at the Florida Department of Health in Leon County office (1515 Old Bainbridge Road). Questions? Please call (850) 404-6400.

## How Citizens can Dispose of Prescriptions:

It is vital to properly dispose of unused or unwanted prescriptions in a way that is safe for the environment, other citizens and their pets, and for our waste workers. Properly dispose of medical waste at one of five permanent Drug Enforcement Administration-authorized collection locations:

- Tallahassee Police Department (234 E. 7th Ave.)
- Walgreens (1202 N. Magnolia Dr.)
- Walgreens (3531 Thomasville Rd.)
- Walgreens (2009 W. Tennessee St.)
- CVS (5466 Thomasville Road N.)

These locations are authorized to collect unused prescriptions at any time. If the pharmacy closest to you is not listed above, you can ask your pharmacist about DisposeRX packets that will properly render unwanted medications unusable, allowing for safe at-home disposal.

Additionally, local organizations host two annual drug take back events each year: Operation Medicine Cabinet in April and National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October. For more information about these events, go to [DEA.org](https://www.dea.org).

*If none of these options are open to you, the EPA recommends placing the medication in a sealed container, mixing it with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or cat litter, and placing the container in the trash. **Learn more at [LeonCountyFL.gov/medical-waste](https://www.leoncountyfl.gov/medical-waste).***



# The Renew Center

## Renew Center

Items brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Center that are in good condition are placed in the Leon County's Renew Center and are completely free for County residents (e.g.: household cleaners, wood stain, latex paint, etc.).



## Free Event Recycling Bins

If planning an event within Leon County, citizens may borrow our ClearStream recycling containers for free.

## Free Mulch

Did you know that we recycle collected yard debris and turn it into mulch? Free mulch is available to all Leon County residents in two forms (coarse or fine) and is available for pick-up at the Solid Waste Management Facility.

Need help loading mulch into your truck or open trailer? Call ahead for assistance availability at (850) 606-1800.



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# Leon County Composting

In Leon County, an estimated 30,000 tons of food is sent to the landfill every year, which averages out to 200 pounds of food for every citizen. The good news? Leon County has two composting initiatives to help citizens, businesses, and organizations divert food scraps from the landfill and turn trash into treasure.

## Compost Drop-off Site (Located at 7550 Apalachee Pkwy.)

### Acceptable food scrap items include:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Expired produce
- Egg shells
- Paper napkins
- Coffee grounds

### The compost bins cannot accept:

- Meat or bones
- Dairy
- Food cooked in oil
- Pasta and grains
- Coffee cups
- Bioplastics

Residents can bring food scraps to drop-off into one of the six Earth Machine Compost Bins at the Solid Waste Facility (next to the mulch pick-up area).

## Compost Bin Sale

If you are interested in composting at home, you're in luck! Leon County launched a pilot program to offer a compost bin giveaway and sale for interested residents, businesses, and organizations. Interest was so high that the initial batch of bins sold out in an hour! With the success of this program, and the positive feedback from the community, Leon County has made compost bin sales a permanent program and offers Earth Machine backyard compost bins for the wholesale cost of \$38 (a \$60 savings from retail!) and counter-top kitchen compost collection bins for \$20 to all residents, organizations, and businesses. If you're interested in getting a bin but cost is a barrier, email [sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov) and we will provide you a backyard compost bin and a counter-top kitchen composter for free.



If you would like to purchase a bin, please fill out the interest form on [LeonCountyFL.gov/Composting](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/Composting).

# Rubber Tire Disposal

Waste tires are accepted at the Solid Waste Management Facility (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.) and at County Rural Waste Sites. Residents may dispose of up to four tires for free, and commercial loads are \$160 per ton. Tires without rims are preferred.

## Tire Amnesty Days Event

**November 1, 2022 – May 26, 2023**

Leon County Government, in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, will host its annual Tire Amnesty Days program, a free tire collection program to reduce mosquito breeding grounds. Beginning Tuesday, November 1, and lasting until Friday, May 26, 2023, citizens can drop off old tires for free at the following Leon County facilities:

- Leon County Solid Waste Facility, 7550 Apalachee Pkwy.
- Rural Waste Center – Woodville, 549 Henry Jones Rd.
- Rural Waste Center – Fort Braden, 2485 East Joe Thomas Rd.
- Rural Waste Center – Miccosukee, 13051 Miccosukee Rd.

Just one tire improperly stored in a backyard can become a breeding ground for thousands of mosquitoes which can carry diseases like Zika, West Nile and Dengue Fever. During Tire Amnesty Days citizens can dispose of old tires for free, helping to keep the community safe and protect our environment. Last year's Tire Amnesty Days event garnered more than 145 tons of tires, which were recycled and repurposed for playgrounds and other facilities.

Starting November 1, citizens can drop off tires at the Leon County Solid Waste Facility from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at one of the Rural Waste Service Centers on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The program will run until May 26, 2023, or until grant funds are exhausted. All Leon County citizens who bring a valid ID verifying their County residence may participate. Tires without rims are preferred.

Residents may dispose of up to 25 passenger car tires free of charge. Commercial loads will not be accepted. This event is for tires only and no other items can be accepted.

Beyond Tire Amnesty Days, citizens may visit the Leon County Solid Waste Facility and Rural Waste Service Centers to dispose of tires.







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